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Subject: Bill 10 Relating to the Use of Bags Provided to Customers...Honolulu Plastic Bag Ban Bill

Attn: Committee on Public Works & Sustainability Stanley Chang, Chair Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice Chair Tom Berg Tulsi Gabbard Nestor R. Garcia

From: Glenn Tamura, President, Tamura Enterprises, Inc.

Tamura Enterprises, Inc. (dba Tamura's Wahiawa, Hau'ula, Kalaeloa, Waialae, Aiea, & Aikahi...6 stores) OPPOSES this bill as written. We need to CHANGE the consumer's behavior, & NOT SHIFT the usage from plastic to paper! This bill (as written) will not accomplish the goal of becoming more environmentally friendly! Financially, a ban on plastic bags will increase our costs dramatically, as paper bags costs are way more costlier than plastic bags. A ban on plastic bags is "bad" for business, "bad" for the consumer, & "bad" for the environment! Please re-consider Bill 10...thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

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